Essential Commodities Act, establishment of DPCO cells in all States on the model of Karnataka etc., efforts to increase public awareness, wide publicity to policies and decisions of the Government and National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) etc.

A Task Force has also been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Principal Adviser (PP), Planning Commission to explore various options other than price control for achieving the objective of making available life saving drugs at reasonable prices.

Non-availability of Urologist in Medical Centre, PHA, New Delhi

2150. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Centre was set up in Parliament House Annexe a few years back to enable Members of Parliament to consult Medical Specialists instead of going to Dr. R.M.L. Hospital;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no urologist attached to the medical centre to attend to the urological problems of the Members of Parliament for which they have to visit the RML hospital and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to open a self-contained unit for urology and post an urologist at least once a week for the convenience of Members of Parliament and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The CGHS Medical Centre at the Parliament House Annexe was set up in 1975 for the convenience of MPs to obtain Specialists' consultation in addition to those already available at the Government hospitals like Safdarjung and RML Hospital, etc. The services at the Medical Centre have expanded over the years and at present consultation by twenty-five Specialists in various Specialities are available. A cardiologist has also been recently deputed to the Medical Centre for providing consultation thrice a week. The Medical Centre has a fully equipped laboratory, X-ray and ultrasound

facilities, apart from a fully equipped Physiotherapy Unit. However, Super-speciality consultation in the fields of Urology, Neurology, Nephrology, Gastroenterology, etc. can be obtained at the Government hospitals like AIIMS, G.B. Pant, Safdarjung and Dr. RML hospital, etc.

(b) There is no sanctioned post of Urologist under the CGHS. As already stated, Specialist's consultation in Urology can be obtained at the Government hospitals like Safdarjung and RML hospital, etc.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

Judgement on treatment to accident victims

2151. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a recent judgement the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has ruled that doctors/hospitals cannot turn away accident victims on any ground, including the ground that patients were not ready with requisite fees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether similar judgement had already been given by the Supreme Court of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether those judgements of the apex court were given wide publicity for information and compliance throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Yes Sir. National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, New Delhi in its order dated 25.4.2005 has observed that doctors/hospitals cannot turn away accident victims on the ground that required advance money has not been deposited. In the case under reference emergency treatment was started when an accident victim was brought to a private Hospital in Kolkata but the treatment was discontinued as the person